

**CITY OF YORKTON
SASKATCHEWAN**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2025**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 in City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Aaron Kienle, Councillors: Dustin Brears, Randy Goulden, Quinn Haider, Greg Litvanyi, Stephanie Ortynsky, and Darcy Zaharia.

City Administration Present Within the Bar: Brad Hvidston – City Manager, Jessica Matsalla – Director of Legislation and Procedures (City Clerk), Ashley Stradeski – Director of Finance, and Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk

Regrets: None

Absent: None

Recording: Amanda Dietz – Assistant City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present Mayor Kienle called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Kienle delivered the Treaty 4 Territory Land Acknowledgement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*****R00253-2025**

Ortynsky/Zaharia

That the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of September 2, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.***

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Ortynsky:

1. Gave a shout out to The Crops of the Parkland project and Yorkton Tourism who recently held an appreciation BBQ on August 21 with Thom Wier and the Bayer Cropscience Group.
2. Shared that on August 22 she participated in the “Discover Downtown” walking tour guided by Umami Umar, a recent high school graduate. She did a great job and it will be something to look forward to for next year.
3. Shared that on August 28 herself along with Mayor Kienle and Councillors Zaharia, Haider, and Brears were able to tour Harvest Meat’s new wastewater facility.
4. Announced a few upcoming events including a Grandparents’ Day on September 7 at the Western Development Museum, at Melrose Place on September 13 is the Canadian Federation of University Women’s Day featuring one of their provincial representatives, and on September 14 is the Terry Fox Run.

Councillor Litvanyi:

1. Announced that on September 14 the Yorkton Motocross Club will be holding the Provincial Championship Race at the Millstone Raceway Motocross Track. There will be over 300 competitors, including ones from Alberta and Manitoba. Tickets are available at Schrader’s or on site at the gate.

Councillor Goulden:

1. Announced that today, Yorkton Tourism started distributing their tent cards that will be on display around the city at restaurants and other seated establishments listing all of the upcoming events in Yorkton.
2. Shared that The Crops of the Parkland project was very successful this season with many people enjoying and learning on their tour. She further thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their partnership in the project, and all of the volunteers who helped in its success.
3. Shared some upcoming events including Culture Days, a walking tour of the cemetery on September 23, and on September 24 the Yorkton Film Festival will be showing a screening called “Yorkton Gets Reggae” at 6:30 p.m. which will feature Jamaican food and refreshments.

Councillor Haider:

1. Gave a shout out to Yorkton's Tarrington Wyonzek who has been selected to be a linesman at the Winter Olympics in Italy.
2. Announced that today was his 51st 1st day of school in a row, and with that, kids are back in school and he asked for everyone to observe the speed limits and to be on the lookout for the new safety patrollers at the schools who are in training.
3. Announced that the new pickleball court in Heritage Heights opens this Saturday. It looks great and is sure to be a busy day.

Mayor Kienle:

1. Announced that the Sunflower Art & Craft Market will be held on September 5 and 6 at the Gallagher Centre.
2. Congratulated the Yorkton Regional High School Football team who started their season with a win in Moose Jaw.
3. Shared that the Yorkton Brick Mill completed their bread and soup fundraiser days. He was able to be at three of them, and they were all really well attended.
2. Congratulated Jackson Bradford, Yorkton's only athlete in the Canada summer games, who brought home a bronze in baseball.
3. Thanked everyone who attended and was involved in the Overdose Awareness Event at the City Centre Park on August 30, including Taneisha Roussin, the staff at Bruno's Place, Yorkton's Fire Chief, and the Yorkton Firefighters who were able to be there.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2025

*****R00254-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

That the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously***

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2025

*****R00255-2025**

Goulden/Brears

That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Items

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MATTERS REFERRED

- a. Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2025
- b. Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – July 2, 2025

*****R00256-2025**

Litvanyi/Haider

That Council receive and file all committee meeting minutes listed on the agenda under reports of ‘Council Committees and Matters Referred’ items as follows:

- a. Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2025
- b. Planning and Infrastructure Commission Meeting Minutes – July 2, 2025

Carried Unanimously.***

HEARING OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No items

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PETITIONS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS

- No items

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Kienle – Report on Mayor’s Summer School at the University of Regina

*****R00257-2025**

Ortynsky/Litvanyi

That Council receive and file the report from Mayor Kienle regarding the Mayor’s Summer School at the University of Regina.

Carried Unanimously.***

BYLAWS

Fire Chief – Proposed Bylaw No. 24/2025 – Safe Public Spaces (Street Weapons) Opt-in Bylaw

A report dated August 25, 2025 from the Fire Chief and the Bylaw & Safety Supervisor regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 24/2025 – Safe Public Spaces (Street Weapons) Opt-in Bylaw was circulated for consideration of Council. Trevor Morrissey, Fire Chief, presented the report to Council.

*****R00258-2025**

Zaharia/Brears

That Bylaw No. 24/2025, being a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to opt-in to *the Safe Public Spaces (Street Weapons) Act* be introduced and given First Reading this 2nd day of September, 2025, A.D.; and

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00259-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 24/2025 be given Second Reading, this 2nd day of September, 2025, A.D.; and

Carried Unanimously.***

*****R00260-2025**

Goulden/Zaharia

That with the unanimous consent of Council, Bylaw No. 24/2025 proceed to third reading this 2nd day of September, 2025, A.D.

Carried Unanimously***

*****R00261-2025**

Litvanyi/Zaharia

That Bylaw No. 24/2025, a bylaw of the City of Yorkton in the Province of Saskatchewan to opt-in to *the Safe Public Spaces (Street Weapons) Act* be given Third Reading this 2nd day of September, 2025 A.D. and be entered in the City of Yorkton Bylaw register.

Carried Unanimously.***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Director of Environmental Services – Hopkins Lake Revitalization Project – Contract #1 Engineering Design Tender Award

A report dated August 22, 2025 from the Director of Environmental Services regarding the Hopkins Lake Revitalization Project – Contract #1 Engineering Design Tender Award was circulated for consideration of Council. Connor Hunt, Director of Environmental Services, presented the report to Council.

Mayor Kienle passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Haider 5:32 – 5:34 p.m.

*****R00262-2025**

Haider/Zaharia

That Council award the Hopkins Lake Revitalization Engineering Design Services contract, including the optional Heritage Resources Impact Assessment (HRIA), to Clifton Engineering Group Inc. in the amount of \$41,222.00 (plus applicable taxes), to be funded through the Rainy Day Fund; and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

Carried Unanimously.***

Assistant City Clerk – Council Calendar 2026

A report dated August 19, 2025 from the Assistant City Clerk regarding the Council Calendar 2026 was circulated for consideration of Council. Amanda Dietz, Assistant City Clerk, presented the report to Council.

*****R00263-2025**

Brears/Haider

That Council approve the Council Calendar 2026 – Option 1 as attached.

Councillor Ortynsky opposed.

Carried.***

Director of Legislation & Procedures (City Clerk) – Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole – August 11, 2025

A report dated August 7, 2025 from the Director of Legislation & Procedures (City Clerk) regarding the Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole – August 28, 2025 was circulated for consideration of Council. Jessica Matsalla, Director of Legislation & Procedures, presented the report to Council.

*****R00264-2025**

Zaharia/Ortynsky

That Council accept the recommendation, as contained in the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Minutes of Monday, August 11, to direct Administration to prepare a report on the Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 15/2010 to include a spectrum of options for an amendment for emergency response fees including residential and industrial cases/files.

Councillor Litvanyi opposed.

Carried.***

GIVING NOTICE OF MOTION

- No items

IN CAMERA SESSION

- No items

ADJOURNMENT

*****R00265-2025**

Ortynsky/Litvanyi

That this Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 5:39 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.***

Approved this 22nd day of September, A.D. 2025

Mayor

City Clerk

Council Calendar of 2026 as contained in R00263-2025:

2026 Council Meeting Calendar

January '26							February '26							March '26						
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Notes

<http://www.vertex42.com/calendars/>

Council Meetings

SUMA Convention - Regina, SK

Statutory Holidays (Or Observed)

School Breaks (weeks)

CoW - Council Priorities Quarterly Update - Open

CoW - Other

Strategic Planning Meetings

CoW & Strategic Planning Dates/Topics

Jan 26 - Q4 2025 Update (Paired w Council Mtg)

Mar 23 - Q1 2026 Update

June 15 - Q2 2026 Update

Sept 28 - Q3 2026 Update

Nov 23 - SP Capital Budget

Dec 7 - SP Operating Budget

Deputy Mayor Appointments

Nov 2025 - Feb 2026 - Councillor Greg Litvanyi

March - June 2026 - Councillor Stephanie

Ortynsky

July - Oct 2026 - Councillor Darcy Zaharia

Nov 2026 - Feb 2027 - Councillor Randy

Goulden

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